



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC

Mike O'Rielly
Commissioner

February 3, 2020

The Honorable Lolo Matalasi Moliga
Governor of American Samoa
A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building
Third Floor - Utulei
Pago Pago, AS 96799

Dear Governor Moliga:

On a daily basis, 9-1-1 emergency communications systems play an integral role in preserving overall public safety, especially from threats to our nation's homeland. Congress has charged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) with examining, on an annual basis, whether states and territories are using 9-1-1 fees collected from consumers solely for their intended purposes. To comply with our obligations, the Commission seeks specific information each year from states and territories to compile its annual report. The latest report was sent to Congress and made public in December 2019. Failure by a state or territory to appropriately respond to the request for information renders the Commission unable to provide a complete picture of the 9-1-1 activities of that state or territory, thereby forcing the Commission to list the offender as a non-reporter, along with the list of fee diverting states and territories.

Inexplicably, your administration failed to respond to our last request for such information and was the only state or territory not to do so for the last reporting cycle. In fact, my understanding is that Commission staff made multiple inquiries with your administration to obtain the requisite information prior to filing the final report last year. Given that American Samoa has responded to requests in the preceding four years, it is disappointing that we did not receive any response to our 2019 request for information. Additionally, American Samoa's 2018 filing indicated that your jurisdiction does not collect 9-1-1 fees from consumers, meaning that, unless this has changed, filing this information with the Commission should not be a difficult or time-consuming process.

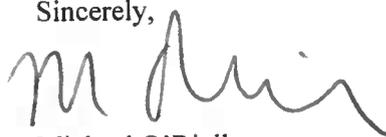
In order to rectify the situation, please provide the following information to the Commission at your earliest convenience:

1. Why did your territory fail to respond to the Commission's request for information regarding the collection and allocation of 911 fees for 2018?
2. What steps has your territory taken, if any, to file and provide the FCC with the information requested?
3. Using the Commission's standards and definitions, does American Samoa collect 9-1-1 fees and divert these funds to other functions? If so, how much was diverted in 2018, and for what functions?

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Congress has determined that this information is of critical importance to ensuring a healthy 9-1-1 system. The Commission can only analyze and provide such information if you stand as a willing partner with us in this endeavor. I look forward to working with you on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. O'Rielly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Michael O'Rielly

cc: The Honorable Aumua Amata
The Honorable David Bernhardt
The Honorable Douglas W. Domenech